I write to urge you to reject the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking #02-230, which would limit the functionality of digital television recording. As currently constructed, this •broadcast flag• proposal would hamper innovation in digital televisions and other electronic equipment capable of receiving digital broadcasts. If I can not record WHILE AWAY.....I would have almost NO NEED of my satelite system & would probably drop the service!.....

The entertainment industry has become acutely aware of the challenges it faces in the digital era. But these challenges do not give it the right to restrict consumers• abilities to record their favorite programs, or purchase electronic devices that allow them to record and save memorable family moments. The market is best suited to address and weigh these competiting concerns and the FCC should give it time to work - particularly in a nascent industry like digital television -- before handing over consumer autonomy to the whims of entertainment industry executives.